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SUBJ: TWO KOREAS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: TUNISIAN/  
NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS COORDINATED WITH ROK EMBASSY  
IN TUNIS AND MADE LOW-KEY DEMARCHE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY  
AS INSTRUCTED REFTELS. TUNISIAN POSITION APPEARS TO  
CONTINUE THAT NEITHER KOREA SHOULD BE PARTICIPANT IN  
NAC. FONMIN HAS ASSURED ROK OF GOT OPPOSITION TO NORTH  
KOREAN ADMISSION AND GOT SUPPORT FOR ROK ADMISSION IF  
NORTH KOREAN BID SUCCEEDS. NORTH KOREANS HAVE APPAR-  
ENTLY INCREASED PRESSURE ON GOT FOR DEEPENING OF BILATERAL  
RELATIONS BUT CONCESSIONS IN THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY  
ACCEPTANCE BY GOT OF RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION  
WHICH ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR FEARS IMMINENT, WOULD NOT  
UNDER CUT GOT POSITION THAT NEITHER KOREA IS NONALIGNED.  
END SUMMARY.

2. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND COUNSELOR MADE SEPARATE  
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APPROACHES TO EMBASSY LAST WEEK TO COORDINATE REPRES-

TATIONS TO GOT. THEY DESCRIBED DEMARCHE MADE BY ROK ASST FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, KIM, IN TUNIS RECENTLY, AS HAVING DRAWN ASSURANCES FROM FONMIN

CHATTI THAT GOT FAVORS EXCLUSION OF NORTH KOREA FROM NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. ACCORDING TO ROK AMB, CHATTI ADDED THAT IF MAJORITY FAVORS NORTH KOREAN ENTRY, GOT WILL SUPPORT SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY BY SOUTH KOREA. CHATTI HAD NOT, HOWEVER, COMMITTED GOT TO AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ATTEMPT TO BLOCK NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION.

3. ROK AMB SAID QUESTION OF ACTIVE GOT ROLE RE NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, WHO HAD COMMENTED THAT GOT HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE IN NONALIGNED CIRCLES. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR HAN HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT ROK ADMINISTRATION MINISTER SHIM, IN TUNIS IN EARLY MAY, HAD SEEN BOURGUIBA AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT GOT WOULD NOT ACCEPT A RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN TUNIS. COUNSELOR DID NOT INDICATE WHAT IF ANYTHING BOURGUIBA HAD TOLD SHIM RE NAC CONFERENCE.

4. POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAISED SUBJECT AT MOFA JUNE 4. HE MENTIONED COORDINATION OF USG AND ROK EFFORTS, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FONMIN CHATTI HAD GIVEN ASSURANCE THAT GOT FAVORS EXCLUSION OF NORTH KOREA FROM NAC, OR ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND ASKED WHAT MOFA CONFIRM TO US THIS POSITION. ALSO SOUGHT INDICATION OF HOW FAR GOT WOULD BE PREPARED GO TO MOBILIZE OTHER NAC COUNTRIES IN THIS DIRECTION. POL COUNS MADE ALL POINTS  
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5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HOW USG WOULD VIEW GOT TAKING POSITION THAT NEITHER NORTH NOR SOUTH KOREA BE ADMITTED TO NAC, POLCOUNS SAID USG WOULD APPROVE, BUT HOPED GOT WOULD UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE AND LOGIC OF ADMITTING SOUTH KOREA IF NORTH KOREA ADMITTED.

6. MOFA OFFICER VOLUNTEERED PERSONAL OPINION THAT, WHILE GOT UNDERSTANDS THAT NEITHER KOREA CAN BE ACCURATELY  
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TERMED "NONALIGNED", DEGREE TO WHICH GOT WILL PLAY ROLE TO ATTEMPT BAR NORTH OR ADMIT SOUTH KOREA AT LIMA MAY DEPEND ON HOW MATTER FIRST ARISES, I.E., WHO SPONSORS, HOW MUCH SUPPORT EXISTS ALREADY, AND WHETHER VOTING IS ON SUBSTANCE OR PROCEDURE. POLCOUNS EXPRESSED HOPE GOT MIGHT EMPHASIZE WITH OTHER NAC COUNTRIES, BEFORE LIMA, IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ADMITTING CLEARLY "ALIGNED" GOVERNMENTS. MOFA OFFICER UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON OUR VIEWS AND

OBTAIN FURTHER READING OF GOT POSITION.

7. FROM VARIOUS SOURCES EMBASSY GATHERS NORTH KOREA AND ITS FRIENDS ARE PUTTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON GOT, NOT ONLY WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS BUT ALSO TO OBTAIN GOT CONSENT FOR NORTH KOREAN MISSION RESIDENT IN TUNIS. ROK COUNSELOR HAN TOLD POLCOUNS HE FRANKLY MUCH CONCERNED ON LATTER POINT. HE DESCRIBED GOT AS HAVING DIFFICULT TIME FORMULATING ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS ATTITUDE WOULD HAVE TO BE REVEALED SOON, HAN THOUGHT, AND IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT WHEN GOT RECOGNIZES PRG GOVERNMENT IT WOULD AT SAME TIME CCORD DE JURE RECOGNITION TO NORTH KOREA (GOT POSITION AT PRESENT, HE SAYS, IS DE FACTO RECOGNITION). HE SPOKE OF AN IMPORTANT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WHICH HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION VISIT TUNIS AND WAS EXPECTED (BUT DID NOT ARRIVE) IN MAY. WHILE BOURGUIBA HAD TOLD ROK MINISTER SHIM THIS DELEGATION WOULD DISCUSS ONLY SUCH MATTERS AS CULTURAL EXCHANGE, HAN FEARS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL ISSUE IN WHICH GOT IN EFFECT CLEARS WAY FOR NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN TUNIS.

8. COMMENT: EVEN IF GOT MAKES CONCESSIONS TO NORTH KOREANS ON BILATERAL ISSUES, GOT POSITION THAT NEITHER KOREA IS NONALIGNED SHOULD STAY INTACT.

THEREFORE EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT CHATTI'S ASSURANCES TO SOUTH KOREANS ARE RELIABLE: THAT GOT WILL NOT SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION TO NAC, AND WILL SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATION IF NORTH DRAWS MAJORITY SUPPORT. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT GOT WILL TRY TO AVOID GETTING OUT FRONT ON EITHER QUESTION.

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